

MINUTES
STATE AIDS TASK FORCE
(A subcommittee of State Board of Health)
June 18, 2008

Agenda item #1: Roll Call and Introductions

Larry Mastropierro, Chairperson, opened the videoconference and teleconference meeting at the HOPES Hill House in Reno, Southern Nevada Area Health Education Center (AHEC) in Las Vegas, and Nevada State Health Division office in Carson City at 10:15 A.M.

Attending from Carson City:

Beverly Schaeffen (gst)	Bill Fuellenbach (gst)	Bob Salcido (gst)
Dustin Boothe (gst)	Janet St Amant (gst)	Julia Spaulding (gst)
Martha Fricano (gst)	Nevada Griffin (gst)	Nikki Isaacs (gst)
Rebecca Huddleston (gst)	Robinette Bacon (gst)	Tiffany Haynie (gst)
Steve Dion (gst)		

Attending from Reno:

Amanda Moya (gst)	April Romo (recording Secretary)	
Hector Galvez-Lopez (gst)	Jennifer Howell (gst)	Jennifer Stoll-Hadayia (gst)
Larry Mastropierro	Lindsey Lightfoot	Lyell Collins (gst)
Trudy Larson		

Attending via telephone from Las Vegas:

Alisha Campbell (gst)	David Parks	Gary Vrooman
Jeff Vollman (gst)	Linda Anderson (gst)	Marcie Jackson
Maria Canfield (gst)	Mary Pennington(gst)	Melva Thompson-Robinson
Rick Reich (gst)		

VOTING members not in attendance:

Antioco Carrillo	Chris Reynolds	James May
Nedy Tollerstad	Rita Boyd	Mary Ellen Harrell
Mary Guinan		

Roll call was taken. Seven of 14 members were present and it was determined a quorum was not met. Agenda Items #2-5 were deferred until another member arrived to make a quorum or, if needed, next meeting.

Agenda item #6: Report on Ryan White Part A funding

- Jeff Vollman reported on the money received and spent for Ryan White Part A program. See Attachment 1.

Agenda item # 7: Report on Ryan White Part B funding

- Nikki Isaacs reported on Ryan White Part B funding and how the money is allocated to Community Based Organizations. See Attachment 2.

Agenda item # 8: Report on Ryan White Part B Client application process

- Steve Dion explained the new AIREs system and that it will be functional by January 2009 when HRSA will require client based reporting. Though ARIES is a good program, there was concern regarding who was authorized to collect the information for the Ryan White Part B program. Dr. Larson felt that an eligibility specialist should not ask personal medical questions and that there should be a tiered system to collect information. Basic client information should be separated from the private medical information. Nikki Isaacs stated that a patient could opt out of providing certain detailed information about their disease to the eligibility specialist. See Attachment #3.
- Mary Pennington, Nikki Isaacs, Lindsay Lightfoot, Trudy Larson, Rick Reich, Alisha Moya, and Jeff Vollman volunteered to serve on a work group reviewing possible options regarding the intake process.

Agenda item # 9 & # 10: Report on Ryan White Part C and Part funding

- Bill Fullenbach explained about the Ryan White Part C and Part D monies received and expended. Currently there are about 748 Ryan White clients using services through HOPES. See Attachment # 4

Agenda item # 11: Report on HOPWA funding

- Steve Dion presented the HOPWA information. See Attachment # 5.
- Steve stated that Nevada received an increase of approximately \$64,000 in housing assistance.

Agenda item # 12: Report on HIV Prevention funding

- Lyell Collins gave his presentation on HIV Prevention funding. See Attachment #6. He discussed the new grant the State received and how the funding would be split throughout the State.
- Parity issues were discussed. Although approximately 86% of the HIV/AIDS cases live in southern Nevada, a smaller portion of the total funding available supports the services required in Clark County. Some attendees felt that other counties in the State should be responsible for providing similar fiscal support for public health services. Mary Pennington stated that federal grants require statewide provision of services. Therefore, some regions do receive a level of fiscal support that is not reflective of their true burden of disease. Parity is also complicated due to funding allocations that do not reflect statewide population growth and service needs.

- It was decided to establish a workgroup to discuss and develop guidelines for parity. Jeff Vollman, Mary Pennington, Jennifer Stoll Hayadia, and Rick Reich volunteered to participate in this workgroup. Bob Salcido said he would share information that was collected and used to determine parity in the State Immunization program.

*Larry Mastropierro called for a 10 minute break at 11:15. At 11:25, Linda Anderson was joined the meeting via telephone. There still was no quorum present.

Agenda item #13: Report on the Community Planning Process for a Statewide Plan

- Lyell asked that this agenda item be tabled until the next meeting when there would be more information to report.

Agenda Item #5: Discussion and possible recommendations for 2009 Legislation and Bill Drafts Requests

- Jennifer Stoll Hayadia requested that the SATF to go to agenda item # 5, for discussion on the Ad Hoc Committee. In the minutes of the last meeting, it was stated that there would be an Ad Hoc sub-committee meeting to discuss possible Bill Draft Requests (BDR's) and no subcommittee was formed. Maria offered to have the State staff assist with meeting the requirements of Open Meeting Laws. Jennifer Stoll Hayadia will contact Mary Pennington and April Romo for assistance to establish this committee in early July, as schedules permitted. Participants for this committee will be recruited via email and notified of possible dates to meet.

Agenda item # 14: Continuation of conversation from March 4, 2008 meeting regarding funding reductions for HIV, STD and other Sexual Health Programs

- Jennifer Howell stated that they are seeing more funding cuts throughout Washoe County Health District in several programs ranging from Family Planning to STD services and even work force reductions. There was concern expressed that the next place funding will be cut is the community agencies. The State has also seen several budget cuts; however, federal funding for affected programs has been maintained at previous levels.

Agenda item # 15: Report on Quality Management Subcommittee

- Nikki Isaacs requested that this be tabled until the next meeting since both co-chairs had resigned. This subcommittee will be reorganized and provide a report for the Task Force at its next meeting.

Agenda item #16: Report on Syphilis Epidemic

- Julia Spaulding reported on the Syphilis epidemic in Nevada (Attachment # 7). It was noted by the Task Force that the Congenital Syphilis rate had risen. Participants asked if there should be a law requiring testing for Syphilis. Rick Reich stated that there is law requiring a third trimester pregnant woman to be tested for Syphilis. However, the consistency of enforcement of this requirement is unknown. Robi Bacon requested a future presentation showing the specific age breakdown of those affected with Syphilis. Julia stated she would provide a report referencing age

groups.

Agenda item # 17: Report on HIV/AIDS/STD 2007 Data Updates

- Bob Salcido presented slide presentation on the HIV surveillance program and on the HIV website (Attachment # 8). He provided information regarding the 3 main categories for HIV/AID, based on the CDC definitions. Jennifer Stoll Hayadia thanked Bob for his detailed report. Melva Thompson Robinson asked if the report could be drilled down to show HIV/AIDS reported cases by age, gender, race/ethnicity, and regions in Nevada. Julia stated this type of report could be done but not published as there are too many identifying factors. In smaller communities or rural areas, specific individuals might be identified based on the information provided. The fields and format of this report would have to be reviewed to insure client confidentiality.
- Bob reported that the rollout of E-HARS was schedule to occur the week of December 8, 2008. There will be a 3 day training scheduled as the date gets closer.

Agenda item #18: Set date for next meeting

- Larry asked that all the members review calendars and provide Chris and April for possible dates in October and let it be known of problematic dates. Presence of a quorum has been a problem at the last 2 out of 3 meetings. Quorums are required to assist or resolve issues and go forward with desired actions.

Agenda item # 19: Public comment-No action items and limited to 3 minutes.

- Jennifer Stoll Hayadia announced that the events for National HIV testing are planned.
- Larry announced that the approval of Chris Reynolds as the new Chair is on the agenda for the June 20th State Board of Health meeting.
- Membership review has been requested to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.
- Larry was thanked for his involvement over the last two years as chairperson.

Agenda item #20: *Adjournment

- Larry noted that there were no other comments and still no quorum. He adjourned the meeting at 12:10 PM.